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TWO CENTS.

## BRITISH LAUNCH GREAT OFFENSIVE

**Terrific Bombardment and Attack on a Front of 20 Miles North of the Somme—French Infantry Also Advances—Allies Forcing Fighting on Every Field of War**

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, July 1.—A tremendous British offensive was launched early this morning over a front extending 20 miles north of the Somme. The assault was preceded by a terrific bombardment. The British troops already have occupied the German front line trenches and captured many prisoners. The bombardment which preceded the attack lasted about an hour and a half. According to early reports it was impossible to give any but the latest particulars of the fighting, which was developing in intensity.

The British casualties have so far been comparatively light, according to the official statement.

Simultaneously with the launching of the British offensive the French infantry advanced to attack over a section of the French line adjoining the junction point with the British. New British trench mortars which fire 35 shots per minute played a great part in cutting wire entanglements and destroying trenches. Prisoners say a British curtain of fire has prevented them from getting food for five days. According to the British official statement of today the French attack is proceeding equally satisfactory.

The British official statement claims successes by raiding parties, inflicting losses on the enemy and taking some prisoners.

Reports received from the front up to 12.30, five hours after the combined French and British offensive was launched shows that the allies had captured the towns of La Boisselle, Serre and Montauban and Courcelette and Faviere woods. The main first line

trenches over the entire front under attack are reported to have been stormed and at various points fighting has reached the second line. Reports show that French and British at the points of their farthest advances have broken through a distance of more than five miles beyond the first German trenches. The British are endeavoring to surround Thiepval and at other points an intense struggle is underway for towns and villages. Reports indicate the important German positions at Fricourt may be cut off.

A raid by Australian and New Zealand troops on the German lines Thursday night resulted in the killing of about 80 German soldiers, including two officers. The British losses were slight. The Germans made an ineffective raid on the British trenches to the westward of Lille road after a heavy bombardment. On Wednesday night the British made three raids and accounted for a number of Germans.

The allies are now on the offensive on virtually every field of war. The British assault comes on the heels of great successes won by the Russians in Galicia and in Bukovina and are still continuing. On the Italian front the central powers have also met with severe reverses and for several days the Italians have been steadily driving the Austrians from position after position on the Trentino front.

The defense of Verdun by the French also appears to have stiffened and the balance of the battle in that sector seems recently to have been swayed in favor of the defenders.

The only front in the whole war theater where comparative quiet reigns today is in the Balkans and the prediction of an allied advance in that region have been numerous recently. Newspaper correspondents at Saloniki have estimated that the allies have a total of 600,000 to 700,000 veteran soldiers concentrated on their lines in that district, while the highest estimate placed on the Bulgarian forces is between 300,000 and 400,000.

### First Baptist Church

Rev. George E. Tomkinson, Minister.



#### Sunday Services.

10.30 a. m.—Vermont Sunday, Communion service.  
11.45 a. m.—Bible school.  
7.30 p. m.—Evening service in the chapel conducted by the Christian Endeavor society. A welcome to all.

The Christian Endeavor society will have charge of the evening service tomorrow evening at 7.30 in the chapel. Leader, C. Warner Hopkins. Everybody is cordially invited.

#### Unitarian Church

Unitarian Literature Free.  
Leaflets describing the Unitarian belief may be obtained on application to Mrs. James M. Adams, 7 Cedar St.

#### In Odd Fellows' Temple

Monday night at 7.30—Regular meeting of Wantastiquet lodge, Work; the first degree. All members of the degree team are urged to be present.

### Open Monday Night

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### Centre Congregational Church

Rev. Richard H. Clapp, Minister.



#### Sunday Services.

10.30 a. m.—Sermon by the pastor. Topic, The Values of a Centennial. All departments will meet in the church and plans for the Sunday school pageant will be laid before them.  
11.45 a. m.—Sunday school.  
7.00 p. m.—The Christian Endeavor society will meet in the Centre Church House to listen to reports from the county convention. After this there will be no meetings of the society through July and August.

Any persons having old fashioned costumes or any articles of wearing apparel which they are willing to loan for use in the pageant to be given on the common Wednesday, July 5, in connection with the Centre church centennial are asked to notify Miss Emma J. Gregg, telephone 281-B, or Miss Florence Hemmaway-Wells, telephone 30.

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## OFFERS MONEY FOR SOLDIERS

**Former Governor to Advance Funds for Payment to the Boys in Service**

**SAVING TO STATE WOULD BE \$10,000**

**Name of Man Making Generous Offer Not Disclosed—Would Avoid Calling the Vermont Legislature in Special Session This Year.**

MONTPELIER, July 1.—One of the former governors of Vermont, who will not disclose his identity at this time, has caused the announcement to be made that he will become responsible for whatever sum is necessary to expend in behalf of the Vermont troops now in the field, leaving it for the legislature to recoup him when that body meets in its regular session next January. In other words, this former executive proposes to save the state taxpayers the sum of \$10,000 or whatever amount would be involved by making an extra session of the legislature unnecessary.

There is precedent in Vermont for the advancing of funds in this way to await action of the legislature at its regular session, and there appears to be no reason why the precedent cannot be followed at this time. What action may now be taken remains to be seen.

The failure of congress to pass the provision for the payment of militia and provision for their dependent families seems to have precipitated a situation where an extra session might be deemed inevitable. It has been figured that the amount necessary to pay the troops would be from \$12,000 to \$15,000, although, of course, the sum would vary somewhat according to the length of time the Vermont troops are engaged. The legislature will meet the first of the coming year and the period to be covered would not extend beyond that time.

The cost of calling the legislature in extraordinary session has been estimated at from \$10,000 to \$20,000, according to the time in which the body remained in session. There is no legal provision whereby the executive can limit the number of subjects which the general assembly can consider at an extra session, so that the governor has no way of limiting the length of the session when once that body has been called together. The legislature after disposing of the question of appropriation for the Vermont troops could take up a great variety of matters, and it is to be taken for granted that ambitious members would take advantage of the opportunity to let their legislative lights shine.

### LONDON ENTHUSIASTIC.

**Eagerly Awaiting Returns of Big Offensive Started Today.**

LONDON, July 1.—The news of the British offensive which was quickly circulated in London today created enthusiasm, and details of the battle are being awaited. Only this morning the correspondents at the front for the British newspapers warned the public that an advance must be made by infantry and not by artillery and that the British army could not expect to come out of the engagement scathless. First accounts of the battle, however, stated British casualties were not heavy. There was a frantic rush to obtain special editions of newspapers.

### BASEBALL ROW SETTLED.

**Washington Manager Refuses to Press Charge Against Boston Catcher.**

WASHINGTON, July 1.—A police court hearing of a row between Washington and Boston American league baseball players was averted today when Clarke Griffith, the Washington manager, refused to prosecute an assault charge against Agnew, the Boston catcher, who hit him on the nose during a fight yesterday. Agnew forfeited \$10 collateral posted for a disorderly conduct charge. Later Carl Mays withdrew his request for warrant against McBride, captain of the Washington team, who threw a bat at the Boston pitcher.

## NO PAPER

**Independence Day**

**TUESDAY, JULY 4**

The regular edition of The Reformer will be suspended on Tuesday, July 4. All news of the holiday will be found in the issue of Wednesday, July 5.

## VIOLENT ATTACKS WITH LIQUID FIRE

**Germans Captured Positions from the French, But Later Lost Them in Counter Attack.**

PARIS, July 1.—After four violent attacks with liquid fire the Germans succeeded in capturing the position east of Hill No. 304, which was taken by the French yesterday. The French made a counter attack and recaptured the positions, according to the war office. After several serious assaults the Germans succeeded in penetrating the works around Thiaumont, which were captured by the French. The approaches to Thiaumont are still in the hands of the French.

On the west of the Meuse fighting of violence lasted throughout the night. The Germans attacked heavily both east and west of Hill No. 304, but most of the attacks were repulsed. Nancy was bombarded by German long range guns.

## PLACING MARKER ON OLD CHURCH SITE

**Location on Common Established—Bronze Tablet Shipped from New York—Dedication July 5.**

A granite boulder from West Dunston is being placed in position today on the village common to mark the first site of the Centre Congregational church, which was built in 1815. A bronze tablet was shipped from New York today to be attached to the marker. The dedication, in connection with the Centre church centennial, will take place next Wednesday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, that being the 100th anniversary of the organization of the church.

The exact location of the church has never been recorded, but from recollections of aged residents who attended church there it is believed the spot has been found, which is about opposite the driveway into L. E. Holden's premises, and the marker is being placed there.

### PATRICK GUIHENE.

**Death This Morning of Long-Time Resident of This Town.**

Patrick Guihene died this morning at 9.10 o'clock in his home on Reed street. He was born in Ireland and came to this country when he was a young man, and made his home here ever since. For many years he was employed on the railroad here.

He leaves his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Roger P. Donoghue of Holyoke, Mass., and four sons, Patrick J. and Maurice S., who live at home, Michael L. of Beech street and Thomas A., a well-known baseball player in Reading, Pa. He also leaves a brother, John Guihene of Washington street.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning and the burial will take place in St. Michael's Roman Catholic cemetery.

### ORDAINED FOR MISSION WORK.

**Rev. Earle H. Ballou of Chester Will Labor in China.**

CHESTER, July 1.—Earle Hoyt Ballou, son of Rev. and Mrs. Henry L. Ballou, was Thursday afternoon ordained in the presence of a large congregation. He is a graduate of Chester high school, Vermont academy, Yale college and Hartford theological seminary. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. William Douglas Mackenzie, president of Hartford theological seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Ballou will sail for Asia in August, where he is to take up mission work in Peking, China.

### CAVE-IN KILLS STUDENT.

**Joe Gould of Burlington, Vt., Caught in a Mine at Jamestown, Colo.**

DENVER, Colo., July 1.—Joe Gould, 15 years old, of Burlington, Vt., a student in the state university, was instantly killed yesterday by a cave-in in the Eureka mine at Jamestown, Colo., where he had spent one year in the engineering department in the university. He had leased the mine with Edward Lewis, a fellow student, for the summer vacation. He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

Young Gould had made his home most of the time recently with A. G. Chamberlain of Denver, his parents being dead. His guardian lives in Vermont.

### HOUSE PASSES HAY BILL.

**Senate Measure Appropriates \$2,000,000 for Guardians' Families.**

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The Hay bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for dependent families of national guardsmen called or drafted in the present emergency was passed by house today. The bill, which now goes to senate, allows not exceeding \$50 a month to dependent families.

### THE WEATHER.

Fair tonight and Sunday. Cooler Sunday. Moderate north winds.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The weather forecast: Fair tonight and Sunday. Cooler Sunday. Gentle to moderate north winds becoming variable by Sunday.

One can't always judge a fool by his actions; many a man masquerades as a simpleton for the purpose of fooling others. — Chicago News.

## COMPANY I AT DENISON, TEX.

**Arrived at Noon Today and Left the Train for Half Hour**

**STOLEN PACKAGE OF VACCINE RECOVERED**

**Lieut. Knowlton of 1st Cavalry in Brattleboro This Afternoon After Recruits—Julius Kuech to Undergo Minor Operation.**

(Special to The Reformer.)  
DENISON, Texas, July 1.—Company I reached Denison at noon today in good condition and left the train for half an hour. All the boys are well and have plenty of food. We are doing finely and are anxious to get sight of Mexico.

LIEUT. SPAULDING.

(Special to The Reformer.)

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 30.—The train bearing Company I of Brattleboro to the Mexican border arrived in this city tonight at 10.15 o'clock. It is terribly hot, but the boys are all well. Twelve hundred miles more and we will be after them.

LIEUT. SPAULDING.

(Special to The Reformer.)

FORT ETHAN ALLEN, July 1.—Captain Gibson of Company I has been assisted in making out enlistments by Alphonso Ratte, and practically all the recruits except the band have been examined. The camp is very strict and several of the boys are on the anxious seat.

Frank Lynch is acting as quartermaster sergeant for the camp and Lane is assisting with the cooking.

Captain Gibson would like to hear at once from any men who are thinking of enlisting. The equipment is arriving and as soon as this is distributed there is indication of entraining the recruits. As this is the only chance that will present itself to go to Mexico for several weeks more at least, it would be advisable to get a good lead for camp. There will be a good lot to sleep on and enough to eat for all who come. Company I boys have stood the physical test well and those who can get by the preliminary examination need have little fear of getting thrown down.

Capt. E. W. Gibson of Company I telephoned The Reformer this afternoon from the mobilization camp at Fort Ethan Allen that Lieut. Robert Knowlton of Brattleboro, who is with the 1st Vermont Cavalry at the camp, would be in Brattleboro at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon to receive enlistments for the cavalry and for Company I.

John Marshall, Jr., and Thor L. Anderson passed the physical examination and were accepted. Alphonso Ratte and Howard Morey have been examined and are awaiting the result. Julius Kuech is at the Post hospital to undergo a minor operation, after which it is believed he will pass the physical examination. It is expected that the examining will be completed Monday.

Members of the 1st Vermont Infantry are shaking hands with themselves on the recovery of a package of anti-typhoid vaccine, valued at \$3,000, which was stolen just before it was to have been delivered to them at Chicago.

The package was purloined from a Parke-Davis company motor truck at the yards of the Erie railroad at 51st and Wallace streets as it was about to be put on the troop train.

Four hours later it was discovered at 54th and Wallace streets and shipped on a fast train for Kansas City, whither the regiment was bound via the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad.

A letter from Clarence Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw of 42 Maple street and a member of Company I, has been received by the family. He wrote from Mechanicsville, N. Y., and said the boys were feeling well and happy and were enjoying the trip. He received seven boxes from friends and relatives before leaving and asked that thanks be extended to the givers.

John Kilderry of Company I writes to The Reformer from Huntington, Ind.: "Let the folks know that we are all well and jolly, as though we were going to a football game. Thank the people of Brattleboro for the good things they gave us to eat. We have enough to eat for a month."

A postcard from Corp. Frank Philbrick of Company I to Capt. W. T. Haigh asks him to thank the people of the company. He says: "You don't know how much we appreciate them. They made the first square meal we had had since Monday noon. We will never forget the send-off we had at Brattleboro. It paid us for the hard work we had done."

Benjamin Weeden left this morning on the 9.05 train for the state camp ground to enlist in Company I.

A gross of goggles for the use of Company I boys as a protection for their eyes in the tropical climate to which they are bound was received today by H. F. Jordan, who has charge of the fund for that purpose. The goggles are of amber glass in goldoid frames with cable temples. Each pair will be packed in a black metal case lined with velvet, and they will be forwarded to the company at Eagle Pass, Texas, as soon as they can be made ready.

## STILL AWAITING CARRANZA'S REPLY

**Developments at Washington at a Standstill Pending Mexican Government's Answer to American Demands—Congress Takes Adjournment Until Wednesday—Enlistment Progressing**

## SHOOTING VICTIM'S CONDITION CRITICAL

**His Companion, Frank Riley, in Jail at Montpelier Pending Investigation.**

MONTPELIER, July 1.—John Dennehy, the young man who was shot in the stomach at Montpelier Junction Thursday evening, is not expected to recover although an operation was performed yesterday. It was learned by the state's attorney that his home was in Haverhill, Mass., and that he is a blacksmith by trade. His parents were notified through the Haverhill police.

Frank Riley, who was with him when he was shot and told the police that the shooting was done by an Italian employed as a railroad section hand, is still in jail pending further investigation. It is believed, however, that Riley did the shooting, although certain circumstances are suspicious. The police and sheriff's department hunted all night and yesterday for the two Italians, Rosso and Buono, but without success. They had been employed at the Junction about two weeks.

### TO FORM AERO CLUB.

**Aviation Meet to Be Held on the State Camp Grounds July 6.**

BURLINGTON, July 1.—The Vermont aviation meet, which was scheduled to be held at Northfield July 6, but was given up because of the mobilization of the Vermont National Guard, will be held at the state campgrounds, near Fort Ethan Allen, at 10 o'clock, July 6.

At this meet, which will be attended by Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., Gen. Allen R. Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America, the Hon. Henry Woodhouse of the Aero club of America and other men prominent in aviation circles, it is proposed to organize the Aero Club of Vermont.

The Aero club of America has agreed with Maj. Batchelder that if such a club is formed it will arrange to provide two first-class up-to-the-minute military biplanes, one for the 1st Regiment of Infantry, Vermont National Guard, and the other for the 1st Vermont Cavalry.

### MISS MINNIE FISHER.

**Niece of Late Deacon Jacob Estey Had Been Blind 25 Years.**

The funeral of Miss Minnie Fisher, 69, who died in her home on Birge street Thursday night, was held in St. Michael's Episcopal church at 9 o'clock this morning. Rev. Nelson Kellogg, rector, officiated. The body was taken to Mt. Auburn cemetery for burial. Miss Fisher was born in Boston Jan. 23, 1847. Her mother was a sister of the late Deacon Jacob Estey of Brattleboro, founder of the Estey Organ Co. For 25 years Miss Fisher had been totally blind. She lived alone, which was her preference, but for 14 years she had had the watchful and efficient care of her near neighbor, Mrs. G. A. Bowman. Her nearest surviving relative is Mrs. Levi K. Fuller of this town.

### GUARDSMEN ARRIVE.

**Probably Massachusetts Soldiers Who Have Reached El Paso.**

EL PASO, Texas, July 1.—Two troop trains of national guardsmen, one carrying light artillery, arrived early today. It was first believed the train carried Massachusetts soldiers, but information was unobtainable at army headquarters. These are the first national guardsmen to arrive in El Paso. It was later announced that the two batteries were from Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

### CORN FOR THE MEXICANS.

**Customs Officials at El Paso Pass 2,500 Sacks After Examination.**

EL PASO, Texas, July 1.—Twenty-five hundred sacks of corn consigned to Mexican merchants in Juarez were passed by the United States customs officials today after each sack had been searched for contraband articles. Mexican dealers explain the purchases by pointing out that practically no crops are being raised in Chihuahua and that the people are without food.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Developments here in the Mexican crisis were at a standstill today while the United States government awaited impatiently Carranza's reply to the note sent Sunday demanding a statement of his intentions toward the American expedition in Mexico.

The only information reaching here came through diplomatic and private despatches. These have indicated the de facto government was preparing to stand by its attitude of hostility toward the United States troops across the border.

Reports to the war department during the day continued to show satisfactory progress in military preparations at or beyond the border. Recruiting for the regular army increased more than 100 per cent during the week ending at noon yesterday, following an increase of more than 50 per cent over the preceding seven days. A total of 2,036 men were sworn in this week as against 1,005 last week. A total of 13,251 men have been accepted out of 59,406 applicants for enlistment.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Unless Gen. Carranza's reply to the last American note demanding an explanation of his intentions arrives today and is as defiant as private advices from Mexico City have indicated it is considered probable that President Wilson will have to wait at least until next Wednesday before placing the Mexican situation before congress. The house planned to adjourn today over the Fourth and its first session will be held on Wednesday.

### GEN. FUNSTON SILENT.

**Busy Marshaling Army Along the Mexican Border.**

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, July 1.—General Funston reserved comment today on the charges of bad faith made against him by Carranza's minister of foreign affairs and concentrated his attention on the silent marshaling of his growing army along the border line.

Reports from Gen. Pershing in Mexico and from headquarters commanders along the border reflected the preparations being made by the Mexican war department for a clash with the American army. Troop training were nearing the border, but increased efforts were being made to keep from the public their actual schedule.

### NOT OFFICIAL.

**Mexican Commissioners Have No Authority to Speak for Government.**

MEXICO CITY, July 1.—The foreign office issued a statement early today that various individuals now in the United States as members of the so-called peace commissions have no authority or right to speak or act for the Mexican government.

## Sparklers

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